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MINI-AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE CONFERENCE MEETS IN LONDON

On January 21-22, the U.S. Agricultural Attaches posted in member countries of the European Community met in London with Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Bell; Alexander Bernitz, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Agricultural Attaches; Reiter Webb, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Foreign Commodity Analysis; and Larry Hall, agricultural economist, Grain and Feed Division.

The conference focused on the general economic situation within the EC and the outlook for U.S. trade to that market in 1976. Particular emphasis was placed on grain and livestock. Energy costs, agricultural input availabilities, Government programs, and agrarian reform were among the more specific topics of discussion.

Attaches participating were: Turner L. Oyloe, Bonn; Frank Padovano, Brussels; John Montel, EC Brussels; Fred Traeger, Copenhagen; Steve Stephanides, Dublin; Ernie Koenig, Geneva; Jim Hutchins, The Hague; Ken Ogren, Paris; Elmer Hallowell, Rome, and Bill Rodman, London. ■



Bill Doering, right, attending session of the FAO Committee on Commodity Problems in Rome last October.

DOERING HONORED BY WINE FRATERNITY

These days, it's unusual for U.S. delegates to international conferences to look as happy as Bill Doering in this scene from the 50th Session of the FAO Committee on Commodity Problems, held in Rome last October. The reason probably wasn't the CCP at all, but instead anticipation: a few days later, Bill became a "Commandeur" of the Chevaliers du Tastevin, the prestigious wine fraternity, at elaborate ceremonies at the Chateau du Clos Vougeot in Burgundy. In January 1975, Bill was awarded the French government's "Ordre du Merite Agricole" for contributions to wine exports at a French Embassy ceremony which also honored retiree Tom Street for outstanding service as Agricultural Attache in Paris.

Attaches On The Move



Taking up duties as assistant agricultural officer in Hong Kong is George Heslop. His career in foreign agriculture began in 1968 in EMS, where he worked as a dairy products marketing specialist. A year later he transferred to FAS and has had assignments in the Cotton, Dairy, and Oilseeds Divisions. George is expected to arrive in Hong Kong around mid-February. ■



In Guatemala, the new attache is Francis Jack. His other overseas assignments, since joining FAS in 1956, have included Lima and Quito. His most recent position has been that of P.L. 480 area coordinator in the Program Planning Division. Frank arrived in Guatemala City in early February. ■

FAREWELL PARTY—On October 30, Jack McDonald gave a farewell party for some of his friends in Guatemala before leaving for reassignment as agricultural attache in Lisbon. From left are Eduardo Palomo, Minister of Economy, Eduardo Castillo, agribusiness and prominent cattleman, McDonald, Ben Gallegos, assistant to the agricultural attache, Bill Bowser, who recently served as acting attache, and Juan Rohrmann, Vice Minister of Agriculture.



Koy Neeley, the new agricultural representative at the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking, reports things are going well at his new post. In addition to sightseeing the usual points of interest, he has spent some time at the markets "poking around for vegetables, meat and fish. Very interesting system of merchandizing. Rather long lines at meat and fish counters—plenty of product (seemingly) but few people doing the selling."

Koy had his first glimpse of agrarian activities in the PRC while traveling to Peking from Hong Kong via Canton. He is now on his first visit to agricultural areas.



ONSITE IN LIBERIA—On a trip to the Liberian Agricultural Corporation (LAC), some of the vegetables (cabbage, spring onions, and string beans) grown on a trial basis at LAC are displayed by, from left, Messieurs Opprecht, LAC comptroller; Blaine Porter, Commercial Attache; Maury Bean, Charge d'Affaires; Mr. Vavosa, LAC Assistant Manager; Jim Ashida, Economic/Commercial Counselor; and Bob Haresnape, Agricultural Attache.



IN LOS MOCHIS, MEXICO—Gil Harrison, left, Latin American Director for the American Soybean Association, and Attache Dick Welton visit the headquarters of the Farmers Association of Southern Fuerte River located in the State of Sinaloa on the west coast. At right is Manuel Mendoza Marques, secretary for the association.

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IN LONDON—(top left) From left, Mrs. Earl Butz with the Secretary, Mrs. Rodman, and Attache Bill Rodman.

NEAR TEL AVIV AT KIBBUTZ—(top right) From left, Attache Dale Douglas and Administrator David Hume.

ALSO IN LONDON—(lower left) From left, Secretary Butz talking with Gerald Shelden, Assistant Agricultural Attache for Market Development.

ON THE SCENE IN TEHRAN—(lower right) From left, Ted Freeman, Near East and Africa Area Officer and Attache Paul Ferree with Secretary Butz.



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WHILE IN BUDAPEST—(top left) Secretary Butz, at right, admires window display with Attache Nick Thuroczy, left, and U.S. Ambassador Eugene McAuliffe.

IN ROME—(top right) Attache Elmer Hallowell, left, and Bill Caras, assistant to the Director of Management Services, at the American Embassy.



IN BELGRADE—(at left) Secretary Butz, second from right, talks with the Yugoslav Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Kustrak, at right. Looking on from left are Mr. Jovanovic, the interpreter, U.S. Ambassador Silberman, and Attache Bob Svec.

AT COLLECTIVE FARM NEAR BELGRADE—(bottom) Mr. Secevic greets Secretary Butz and Mr. Kustrak, Minister of Agriculture. Interpreter is at far left.





ANKARA FESTIVITIES—Two happy occasions prompted a celebration last November 12 in the agricultural attache office in Ankara: Ted Freeman, Near East and Africa Area Officer, was visiting that post on the birthday of Walt Stern, agricultural attache. At the gathering, seated from left, were Walt Stern; Mrs. Toruner, secretary; Ted Freeman; Yusuf Durusoy, chief technical specialist. Standing from left, Mehmet Karakus, clerk III, and Mustafa Baser, chief technical specialist, Izmir.

A. Paul Danyluk, who served as assistant attache in Rome and Moscow, died January 10 after a short illness. He was 54 years old. Paul came to ERS in 1962 as an agricultural economist after having worked as an editor-compiler for the National Geographic Society. He went to Rome in 1967 for FAS and was assigned to Moscow in 1973. He was a graduate of Syracuse University and obtained his master's degree in agricultural economics from Oregon State University. Surviving are his wife, Sonia; two children, Kathy and John; his mother; and a brother. Memorial services were held in Washington, D.C. ■

Georg Frostenson, agricultural economist, office of the agricultural attache, Stockholm, retired on December 31 after almost 29 years of service with FAS. His successor, Gerald Enckell, is one of Sweden's most highly respected experts on the food industry, having worked in various phases of the institutic market and food processing industry. He has led several teams from the meat processing industry on tours to the United States. Gerald, welcome to FAS, and best wishes to you, Georg, in your retirement.

TOKYO VISITOR—Ezra Taft Benson, former Secretary of Agriculture, visited the agricultural attache office in Tokyo last August prior to his participation in a conference in that city. Standing from left are Mr. Benson, Gordon Lloyd, and Bryant Wadsworth, both assistant attaches in the Tokyo office. Other staff members seated from left are Ayako Saito, Akiko Ohta, Kazuko Yamaguchi, Takeo Takeshita, and Kuniharu Kiyomiya. ■

